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1. [redacted] approximately 550 thousand persons have been  
 killed in Yugoslavia since the advent of the "Communist paradise." Among these  
 victims are 100 thousand from Belgrade, 58 thousand from Zagreb, 11 thousand  
 from Sarajevo, and 5 thousand from Ljubljana. Property of all victims was  
 confiscated by the Government. Very few of the persons killed were collaborators;  
 most were merely non-Communists.

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Comment [redacted] At least 500-550 thousand  
 persons have been killed in Yugoslavia since the war, most of them in the early  
 days immediately following liberation. The figures for killings in Belgrade and  
 Zagreb seem high, however. A more accurate estimate would be 15-20 thousand in  
 Belgrade and 8-10 thousand in Zagreb. All property has been confiscated, and  
 the Government does not intend to pay anything for nationalized property. Approx-  
 imately 50 thousand Germans are still in Yugoslav prison camps; another 70-80  
 thousand have vanished.

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2. The Yugoslav Government's policy is "control through misery." The people are  
 being robbed and destroyed systematically in order that the Communist Party may  
 become stronger. The Party seems unaware or unconcerned that destruction of the  
 people will mean ultimate destruction of the Yugoslav nation.
3. Communist agents organize competitions to determine who can collect the greatest  
 quantity of grain from the collective farms. Contributions, though ostensibly  
 voluntary, are actually forced. Approximately 50 thousand Serbs have been im-  
 prisoned for refusing to surrender foodstuffs to "collectors." When unable to  
 hide their grain, Serbs dump it into the rivers rather than "help the Soviets  
 replenish their larder for the next war."

Comment [redacted] The seizing of produce  
 from Serbian peasants has been going on since the end of the war. Peasants are  
 required to contribute a certain percentage of their production. A campaign was  
 started recently to force surrender of entire crops. Communist "flying squads"  
 compete to see who can get the most out of the farmers. Results of the competition  
 are published in the newspapers.

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4. During the recent harvest season, beaten and disfigured peasants were released  
 from prison to serve as object lessons to prospective "contributors."

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In Kovacica, for example, two peasants, Martin Bolernac and Jacob Czech, were sent home after their eyes had been gouged out by Commissar Zurko of the Pancevo (near Belgrade) secret police (OZNA). Bolernac and Czech were forced to wander in the streets of Kovacica, telling their neighbors that they had received punishment for attempting to hide grain from the Government. Czech, after refusing to admit the justice of his punishment, had his tongue cut off by the secret police.

Comment [redacted] Kovacica in the Vojvodna is considered the breadbasket of Europe. The peasants and settlers are strongly against the regime. The Government is recruiting peasants for transfer to the former German villages.

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